GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:394
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2006
TOLL POLICY
Bishnoi Shri Jaswant Singh

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the toll policy in relation to construction of National Highways;

(b) the stipulated distance in kilometres between each toll point; and

(c) the number of times toll tax is allowed to be levied on the entire stretch of one National Highway?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 394 FOR ANSWER ON 23.08.2006 ASKED BY SHRI JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI REGARDING TOLL POLICY

(a) The National Highways Act, 1956 empowers the Central Government to levy User fee

(Toll) for the use of National Highway Sections and Bridges. As per the present policy user fee is levied in perpetuity on:

(1) National Highways sections converted to 4-lanes or more.

(2) Bridges

(i) Each costing more than Rs. 25 lakh and upto Rs. 100 lakh and opened to traffic on or after 1st April, 1976 but before 1st May, 1992.

(ii) Each costing more than Rs. 100 lakh and upto Rs. 500 lakh completed and opened to traffic on or after 1st May, 1992 but before 4th December, 2001.

(iii) Each costing more than Rs. 500 lakh completed on or after 4th December, 2001.

(3) All National Highways improvement projects/bridges and bypasses taken up on Build, Operate, Transfer (BOT) basis as per the concession agreement.

(b) As per the National Highways (Fees for the use of National Highways Section and Permanent Bridge- Public Funded Projects) Rules 1997, toll collection shall be done only at one place within a distance of 80 km. Where this is not possible, the number of collection points shall be kept minimum. Accordingly, distance between toll collection points can also be less than 80 km.

(c) There is no limit on the number of times of user fee to be levied on the entire stretch of one National Highway.